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SUBJECT: STATUS OF GULF OIL'S EXPLORATION AGREEMENT

REF: ISLAMABAD 6216 (NOTAL)

1. CONTENTS OF REFTEL PASSED TO GULF OIL, WHICH HAD BEEN ADVISED OF SADIQ'S DISMISSAL AFTER RECEIPT OF EMBTEL REPORTING EVENT. GULF CONCERNED AS TO STATUS OF AGREEMENT WHICH, IT THOUGHT, HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED AND ONLY REQUIRED MLA CABINET APPROVAL. OIL COMPANY HAD "THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO GO VERY FAST" AND WISHES FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING WHY SADIQ IS UNDER INVESTIGATION AND SUMMARY OF ACCUSATIONS LEVIED AGAINST HIM.

2. GULF EXPLAINS FINAL VERSION OF DRAFT AGREEMENT WAS SENT, BY AIR FREIGHT, FROM ITS LONDON OFFICE OVER A WEEK AGO AND ADDRESSED TO MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICIAL AKTAB AHMED KHAN. OIL COMPANY ASSUMES THAT HE  
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IS IN BEST POSITION TO KNOW STATUS OF AGREEMENT. GULF HAS NOT RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM HIM OR ANY OTHER GOP OFFICIAL SINCE DISPATCH OF DRAFT AGREEMENT TO ISLAMABAD.

3. GULF SUGGESTS EMBASSY MAY WISH TO REACH FOLLOWING IN ORDER TO GAIN CLEARER PICTURE OF SITUATION:

(A) ABDUL SATTOR, A KARACHI LAWYER, WHO HANDLES WORK FOR GULF IN PAKISTAN ON A RETAINER BASIS;

(B) RICHARD CLEMENTS, IBRD DESK OFFICER FOR PAKISTAN WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO BE IN PAKISTAN AT THIS TIME AND WAS SUPPOSE TO DISCUSS GULF AGREEMENT WITH GOP.

4. FYT:GULF IS MORE THAN LITTLE NERVOUS OVER STATUS OF ITS AGREEMENT WITH GOP. GULF'S WASHINGTON OFFICE NOTES THAT COMPANY'S EXPLORATION PLANS IN PAKISTAN HAS SPARKED INTEREST OF OTHER OIL COMPANIES (PHILLIPS, OXY, SUN, AND MURPHY) AND, UNTIL NOW, GULF THOUGHT IT WAS WELL OUT IN FRONT OF PACK. NOW ITS NOT CERTAIN AND EVEN WONDERS IF DELAY WILL COOL INTEREST OF BP, NOW THE LEADING CANDIDATE TO JOIN GULF IN U.S. COMPANY'S EXPLORATION EFFORT IN PAKISTAN. VANCE

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